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2023 January National Poll

Field Dates: January 5 – January 9, 2023
Sample: 1,000 Respondents
Margin of Error: 3.55%

YouGov interviewed 1051 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, and then post stratified on the variables: gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Biden Legitimately Elected (N=1,000)

Do you believe that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election was legitimate or not legitimate?

	Jan. 2023	Oct. 2022	May 2022	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021
Definitely Legitimate	40%	43%	47%	46%	49%
Probably Legitimate	17%	15%	11%	12%	10%
Probably Not Legitimate	13%	12%	11%	11%	10%
Definitely Not Legitimate	18%	18%	19%	22%	24%
I'm Not Sure	11%	12%	12%	9%	7%

Insurrection Describe (N=1,000)

From the following list, please select the words that best describe the events that took place on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol? Select all that apply.

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021
Insurrection	41%	43%	48%
Riot	55%	55%	58%
Protest	49%	48%	43%
Coup	30%	28%	33%
Looting	28%	28%	29%
Revolution	14%	14%	15%
Rebellion	34%	32%	37%
Uprising	32%	29%	35%

Insurrectionists Describe (N=1,000)

From the following list, please select the words that best describe the participants who took part in the events on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol. Select all that apply.

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021
Patriots	16%	14%	18%
Insurrectionists	38%	40%	44%
Rioters	52%	50%	54%
Antifa	15%	16%	19%
White Nationalists	37%	39%	46%
Protestors	44%	41%	42%
Revolutionaries	9%	11%	11%
Mob	47%	48%	54%
Terrorists	34%	38%	43%
Looters	27%	27%	29%
Justified	9%	7%	8%

Insurrection Responsibility (N=1,000)

On January 6th, a large group of individuals forced their way into the U.S. Capitol building. Looking back on this event, from the following list, who do you hold most responsible for the violence that occurred at the Capitol building?

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021
U.S. Capitol Police	15%	11%	8%
Former President Donald Trump	44%	44%	45%
Former Vice President Mike Pence	2%	1%	1%
White Nationalists	8%	10%	11%
Republican Party	6%	7%	6%
Democratic Party	12%	14%	16%
President Joe Biden	3%	4%	4%
Antifa	10%	10%	11%

Approval (N=1,000)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
Attorney General Merrick Garland	10%	20%	13%	23%	34%
House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the Capitol (N=497)	19%	20%	10%	35%	15%
Bipartisan House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the Capitol (N=503)	25%	16%	13%	27%	19%

Learn From or Move On (N=1,000)

Thinking about the events of January 6th, which of the following comes closest to your view...

	Jan. 2023	Oct. 2022	May 2022	Dec. 2021
It is important that we learn more about what happened.	50%	53%	52%	56%
It is time to move on.	50%	47%	48%	44%

Trump Charged (N=1,000)

There is now evidence that President Trump, his family, and his staff, were involved in efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election for weeks leading up to the events of January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol. Do you think that President Trump should be charged with a crime for doing so? (May and October 2022)

Based on an eighteen month investigation of the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol, the House Select Committee recently recommended that the Department of Justice investigate former President Donald Trump for inciting an insurrection and conspiring to defraud the United States. Do you think that the Department of Justice should formally charge President Trump with these crimes for his alleged role in inciting the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol? (January 2023)

	Jan. 2023	Oct. 2022	May 2022
Definitely Yes	39%	40%	49%
Probably Yes	14%	10%	10%
Probably No	8%	10%	10%
Definitely No	27%	26%	24%
I'm Not Sure	12%	13%	7%

1/6 Committee Success (N=1,000)

The stated goal of the House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the Capitol was to “To investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex.” Do you agree or disagree that the House Select Committee achieved this goal?

Strongly Agree	21%
Somewhat Agree	19%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	17%
Somewhat Disagree	8%
Strongly Disagree	22%
Don't Know	13%